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information will be pulled from the external database and compared to an address table, as indicated by function blocks 5412 and 5414. If the comparison is TRUE, as determined by decision block 5416, the flow will then pull the zip code from the external database and compare it to the zip code table, as indicated by function blocks 5418 and 5420. If this results in a TRUE comparison, as determined by a decision block 5422, the program will flow to a function block 5424 to use the existing ID packet. However, if any of the decision blocks 5410, 5416 or 5422 determine that it was not a true comparison, then the program will flow to a function block 5926 to create a new ID packet, as described hereinabove. The program will then return via a return block 5430.

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[0206] Referring now to Figure 57, there is illustrated a flow chart depicting the operation wherein data is transferred from one system to the external side of a second system. The program is initiated at a block 5702 and then proceeds to a function block 5704 wherein a transactional relationship is initiated. In this operation, a contact will be made from, for example, SYS B to SYS A requesting information. This information may be in the form of their vendor list, their product catalogue, etc. Also, the manner by which a transaction between the two companies will be effected is also determined. Once the relationship has been initiated, the program will flow to a decision block 5706 to determine if data in the form of vendor numbers, product catalogues, etc., is to be downloaded. If so, the program will flow along the "Y" path to a function block 5708 to transfer the SYS data to the external side of SYS B. At SYS B, this external data from SYS A is then mapped to the internal side of SYS B, as indicated by a function block 5410. The program then flows to decision block 5412 in order to determine if the SYS B address is to be sent to the SYS A system. This is optional. This is an operation wherein the actual location in SYS B on the internal side thereof can be transmitted to SYS A. This would allow, for example, SYS A to actually point to the location within SYS B at which the data will be populated, as described hereinabove. However, in the preferred embodiment of the disclosure, the addressing is typically maintained at SYS B and SYS A and is only allowed access to the external side of SYS B. If the option is selected wherein the internal address is to be sent back to SYS A, then the program will proceed to a function block 5414 to transmit this